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AT&T refusing to sign cable deal, city officials say

Firm merging with TCI says franchise terms will be met; council seeks street use payment

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Communications giant AT&T, in the middle of merging with TCI Cablevision, is refusing to sign an agreement to pay Dallas for using city streets to run its cable lines, city officials said Wednesday.

A city ordinance requires the City Council to approve the transfer of control for the franchise agree-

ment from TCI to AT&T, officials said.

But AT&T, embroiled in a lawsuit with Dallas over franchise fees for telephone lines, has told city officlass that it will not sign the cable franchise agreement, which would cost AT&T more than \$4 million a year to use city rights of way.

AT&T officials have offered a written assurance that TCI will follow the franchise terms. City Council members, who were briefed in closed session on Wednesday, say that's not enough.

"We are going to insist that anyone who uses the

public right of way pay for the right to do so," Mayor Ron Kirk said.

AT&T officials declined to comment. A TCI official said the company intends to honor its franchise agree ment.

Several council members questioned AT&T's motives for refusing to sign. AT&T has joined several other phone companies in filing suit against Dallas and other Texas cities, challenging ordinances that set the franchise rate.

Further upsetting some council members was news that a TCI subsidiary, TCI-Telephony, provides local phone service to two Dallas apartment complexes without paying telecommunications franchise fees.

"They want to offer phone service over the cable lines and not pay franchise fees because their excuse is that TCI is already paying for the right of way," said council member Laura Miller. "Their goal is to not pay the franchise fees."

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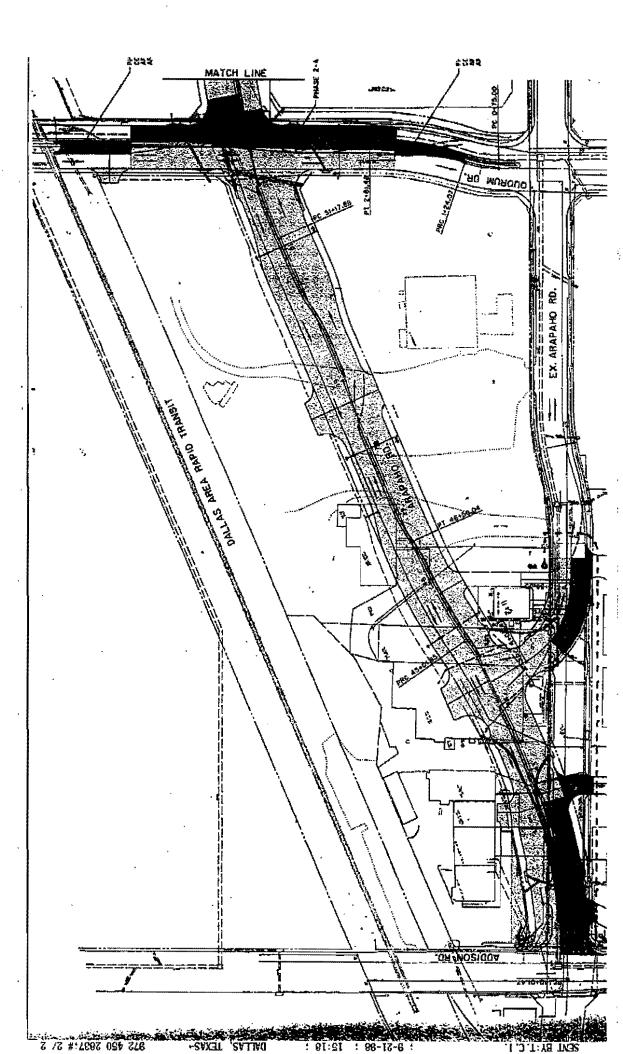
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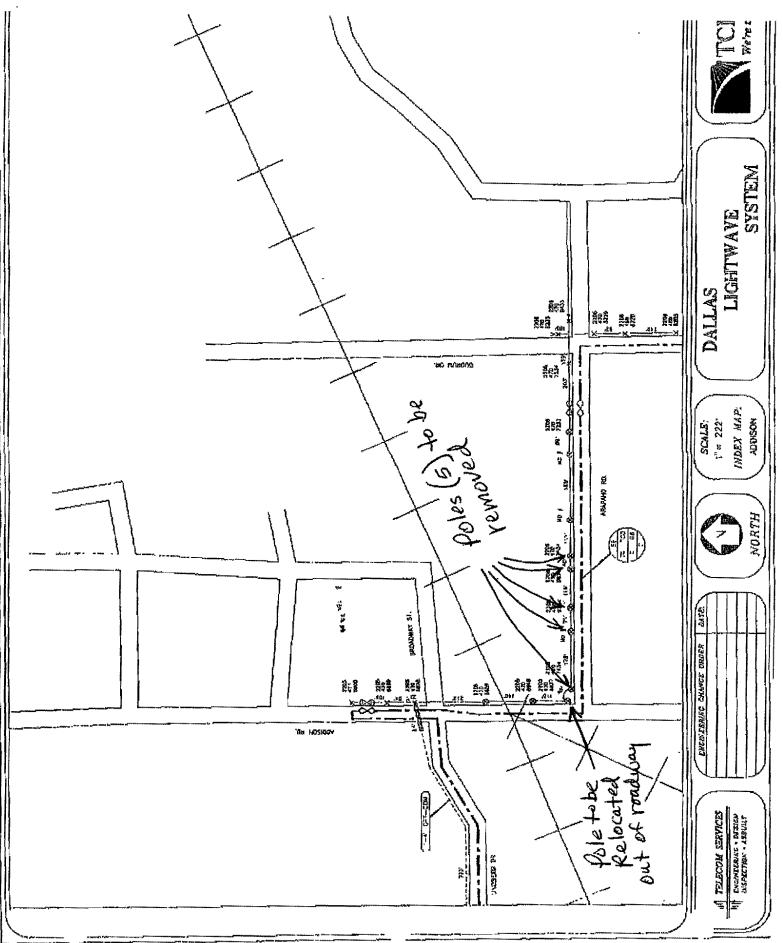
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